

### FIERCE STORM STRIKES CITY

Rain, Hail, Thunder and Lightning Yesterday Afternoon.

**DAMAGE BY HIGH WIND**

Many Sections of City Flooded—Sewers Become Choked and Water Pours Into Cellars

The hot wave of the past week or ten days suffered a setback yesterday after the storm which visited this city and neighborhood had spent itself. Early in the night there was a continuance of the rainfall minus the storm feature, when the wind turned from the south to the north, causing the temperature to drop considerably. The wind has continued in that quarter today and the weather has been cool, in marked contrast to that of yesterday when the power of the sun's were fierce.

The storm of yesterday afternoon was akin to that of July 30, 1913, as the rainfall was heavy and some hail fell. The wind, however, did not attain the same velocity. Two years ago it blew at the gale of 72 miles an hour, and many buildings were damaged. The cloud yesterday was one of the blackest that ever settled over the city and it was heavily charged with electricity. The lightning was for some time almost incessant and the heavy crashes of thunder were startling. The electric fluid, however, caused no damage, as far as can be learned.

The wind, however, was at times high, and this element and the heavy rain fall caused considerable damage.

The rain was one of the heaviest in many years. Cellars and sewers were flooded and streets were converted into rivers while roads in outlying districts were badly damaged.

The worst damage, from a monetary point of view, was the wrecking of the big hydroaeroplane plane, which is a complete wreck at the dock off the old Pioneer mills. The wind picked up the machine, inverted it, wrecking one of the pontoons and smashing the frame work upon piles near which it was moored.

The storm started at 2:25 o'clock and it was 3:25 o'clock when the down pour ceased.

Most of the cellars of merchants in King street, as well as in many other streets, were flooded, most of the damage being caused when the sewers became clogged.

Upper King street looked like a lake. Hoof's run, near Union Station, overflowed, and the railroad tracks in that section were covered with water. All along the line of the electric railway company's tracks considerable damage was done when the rain loosened up the ballast. Property in every low section of the city was badly flooded, certain sections resembling miniature lakes.

In Rosemont the roads were badly torn up and cellars flooded, while in certain parts of this place sidewalks were ripped up by the rain and the bricks were carried a considerable distance by the downpour.

Large numbers of merchants report much damage to goods stored in their cellars.

In the city hall building there were several leaks before the storm subsided, both the offices of Commissioner of Revenue Callahan and City Treasurer Robinson being soaked. Small houses on the outskirts of the city were flooded, especially those in the vicinity of Princess street, between Fairfax and Royal streets.

The wind in the city did not assume any great velocity, although a number of trees were razed by the storm. Roads of both Alexandria and Fairfax counties were made impassable in certain parts.

Go to the Hotel Rammel for Oystehs

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### STORM SENDS BOLT AS CLUE

Five Around Table Tossed About Engine House.

Darby, Pa., July 20.—A ball of electricity joined in a game of pool in the house of Darby Fire Company, No. 1, yesterday afternoon, tossed five men about the room, stunned, fired the second floor and added a few other thrills to this performance.

The ball struck the flagpole on top of the house during the afternoon storm. It hurled the gilded ball crowning it 100 yards down the street and passed down the telephone wires to the second floor. From that it passed to the ground floor, where in the main floor. Foreman Robert Shaw, Edward Hurley, first assistant; Fireman Carroll Clud, Jacob Rinier and Alex Kane were at the pool table, the balls set for the opening stroke of a game.

Leaping across the room as it melted off the wires, the electricity bounced over the pool table, knocked Shaw underneath it and sent Rinier and Kane pinning into corners, 20 feet away, while others were tossed into a heap. The pool balls were scattered over the room, traced with blue points and streaks.

The men remained stunned five minutes, then came to like coming out of a drunk, as one expressed it, and smelled smoke. They found the second floor afire, and it took 10 minutes to extinguish the flames.

### CAPITAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Overabundant Reports and Corresponding Scarcity of Money

Washington, July 20.—An overabundance of reports, with a corresponding scarcity of money returns seem to be the outlook for stockholders in the National Capital Life Insurance Company when the meeting of those anxious gentlemen adjourned last evening after a long session in the board room at the District Building.

For some weeks the affairs of this company, which appear to have been somewhat scrambled during the regime of four presidents in less than nine months, have been under investigation by Insurance Commissioner Nesbit and yesterday's meeting was called that the stockholders or the subscribers to stock might learn just what the commissioner thought of the company and the methods under which it had attempted to do business.

Mr. Nesbit's report already rendered to the District Commissioners, and a copy, it is understood, furnished to the office of the District Attorney, detailed a plan of high financing which, considered up-to-date in Wall Street and other centers of promotion, is not often encountered in the handling of companies organized in the Capital.

### SLAYS SON AND DAUGHTER.

Wife Saves Own Life by Grabbing Rifle and Calling Police.

Groton, Mass., July 20.—Harry Nutting shot and killed his son Everett, 21 years old, and his daughter, Louise, 19 years old, with a repeating rifle, while they slept early yesterday, and then attacked his wife. After a hard struggle Mrs. Nutting succeeded in getting the gun away from her husband, and called the police, who locked the man up on a charge of murder. Neighbors stated that Nutting, who is a cider-maker, had been considered slightly deranged for some time. He refused to make any statement.

### RIVER DROWNS WADING GIRL.

Another Hot Day Bather Loses Life Through Cramps.

Scranton, Pa. July 20.—While wading in the Lackawanna river, near Prompton, yesterday afternoon, Miss Louisa Wood, 16 year old daughter of Mrs. G. Helen Wood, manager of the Hotel Terrace, this city, was drowned. The girl walked into a deep hole and, being unable to swim, sank. Her cousin, Mrs. James A. Collins, was almost drowned, but was resuscitated.

James Miller, aged 22, was drowned while swimming in a pond at Falls. He was seized with a cramp and sank before assistance could reach him.

FOR SALE—Harley Davidson Motorcycle, single cylinder, in perfect condition. Reasonable price. Apply 221 north Pitt street. 20-3t.

### TAKING UP CASE OF THE ORDUNA

Relations With Germany Present More Serious Phase at Present

**IMMEDIATE INQUIRY.**

Latest Attempt to Torpedo Steamer With Americans Aboard to Play an Important Part.

Washington, July 20.—The recent attempt to torpedo the Cunard liner Orduna, took on additional importance today when the Government, on its own account, began an investigation into the facts. The investigation will be made by the Treasury Department at the instance of the State Department. President Wilson has directed Secretary Lansing to turn the matter over to the Treasury Department for an immediate inquiry.

The fact that an investigation is to be made was disclosed by Secretary Lansing this morning. He went to the White House before 10 o'clock and on entering the Executive Office announced that the investigation would be made.

That the Orduna affair will play an important part with respect to the language used in the new note to Germany is clear. On the results of the Treasury Department investigation much will depend.

How long will be required to make the investigation is not yet known. It is supposed President Wilson will delay the new note until sure of what occurred in the Orduna case.

Secretary Lansing said the department had received a letter from W. O. Thompson, employed by the Federal Trade Commission, who was on the Orduna. He did not see the torpedo, but was awakened while in his state room by shell fire. The letter of Thompson, therefore, sheds no real light on the main question, which is whether the Orduna was attacked without warning. The department has not yet received the statement of the Orduna's captain and this is awaited. Secretary Lansing pointed out that if the submarine tried to halt the Orduna and that vessel instead of halting tried to escape before there was any firing, then, the attempt to torpedo or otherwise attack her would not be in violation of recognized naval warfare.

### FRANK IS MUCH WORSE.

Cut in His Throat is Swollen And Temperature Goes up.

Milledgeville, Ga., July 20.—Physicians who examined Leo M. Frank in the State prison yesterday said his condition was much worse. The jagged cut in his throat received at the hands of a fellow prisoner Saturday night was swollen and his temperature was 102-2-5.

William Green, Frank's assailant, still refuses to talk. He is kept in irons. Some of the guards recall that he had expressed a feeling of animosity toward Frank before the latter was brought to the prison.

### DEATH NOTICE.

HOBLITZELL.—On Tuesday, July 20th, CORA L. HOBLITZELL. Notice of funeral later. (Baltimore papers please copy.)

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### KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Prominent Seventh Day Adventist and a Youth Victims of Bolt.

Prof. A. J. S. Bourdeau, prominent Seventh Day Adventist, and Edwin Andrews, 15, son of an Adventist, were instantly killed, and Marguerite Bourdeau, 9, daughter of Prof. Bourdeau, seriously injured when lightning struck them in front of the Adventist Administration Building in Takoma Park, D. C., yesterday. The girl may be disfigured for life.

The world president of the Adventist church, Elder A. G. Daniells, left the fatal spot less than a minute before the bolt flashed.

About 3 o'clock while the storm was at its height, residents of Takoma Park were startled by the crash of thunder. Employees in the Administration Building ran out and the crowd was thickened by persons who ran from their homes.

Fifty yards in front of the Adventist Building stood a small elm tree which had been struck by lightning. The tree was not shattered, but strips of bark had been torn from the highest branch to the base. The bark was rent into splinters and scattered about the grass.

Many ran to the tree and stood in awe of silence as they looked at the work of the freakish lightning. One of those under the elm was Elder Daniells. After a while the throng dispersed. The rain slackened to a sprinkle. The church's president started for his office. He turned and saw Prof. Bourdeau, accompanied by his daughter Marguerite, approaching the tree. Behind them was Edwin Andrews. He had pleaded with his mother to let him go out and see what had happened.

The porches of the two Adventist buildings in Eastern avenue were dotted with workmen and others watching the dying storm. Prof. Bourdeau, Marguerite, and Edwin Andrews gathered about the tree. They stood looking at the torn bark. Suddenly a vivid bolt zigzagged down from the sky in a blinding flash. A violent mist seemed to envelope the elm and there was a roar and shock from thunder.

Prof. Bourdeau and Edwin Andrews had been struck on their right sides. The electricity burned their hair and blistered their bodies. The feet of both were burned to a crisp. The shoe nails were melted. A collar button in Bourdeau's shirt and Edwin Andrews' watch and fob were melted.

The girl was burned on the left arm. Her feet were scorched. She was unconscious ten minutes. When revived, she asked if her father had been hit.

### BANKS' FLUSH WITH MONEY.

Middle West Institutions Hunting for Investments.

Washington, July 20.—With more money in their vaults than they know what to do with, bankers of the Middle West, and particularly those of Missouri, are hunting for investments, according to a statement made by Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri.

"Things are humming in my State," said the senator, who reached Washington today for a short stay. The farmers have sold off quantities of second grade horses and mules at double prices for export to Europe, and the war demands on wheat have kept the price way up. Although we have no considerable number of factories able to turn out munitions of war, the prosperity of the farmers and the meat packers has been reflected in other lines, so that the banks are full of deposits and have little call for loans. Consequently they are hunting for investments."

### THREE BROTHERS TO DIE

Sentenced in Connection with Murder of Aged Couple

Milton Fla., July 20.—James, Percy and Brady Roberts, brothers were sentenced here yesterday to be hanged for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weimann, shot to death a month ago while asleep in their cottage near here. Weimann was eighty-two years old and his wife eighty. Robbery is believed to have been the motive for the crime.

Two other men are to be tried in connection with the killing.

### GERMANS PUSH TOWARD WARSAW

Berlin Reports Russians Falling Back, Leaving Cannon, Etc.

**FOES NEAR CAPITAL**

Russians Confident They Can Check Invaders—Teutons Claiming Success at Every Point.

Berlin, July 20.—Sweeping down on Warsaw from the north, a German army under General Gallwitz has forced the Russians to retreat across the Narew river at several points, and has taken up positions less than forty miles from the Polish Capital.

An official statement from the war office early today, the first since that issued Sunday afternoon, declared that the great 1,000 mile drive to squeeze the Russians out of Warsaw is moving forward at amazing speed.

From the Riga region to Bukovina the Slavs are everywhere in retreat, abandoning guns and ammunition.

London, July 20.—With the German Field Marshals von Hindenburg on the north, and von Mackensen on the south, whipping forward the two ends of a great arc around the city it is realized in England that Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, has imposed on him the most severe task since the outbreak of the European war, and the military writers of some of the London papers seem to think his task is well-nigh impossible.

There was sustained confidence that Germany's previous violent attacks along the Bzura-Rawka front would never pierce the Russian line, but the present colossal co-ordinate movement was developed with such suddenness and carried so far without meeting serious Russian resistance, that more and more the British press is discounting the fall of the Polish capital, and while not giving up all hope of its retention, is pointing out the enormous difficulty the Russian armies have labored under from the start by the existence of such a salient.

Having been unable to straighten out their line by an advance through East Prussia in the north and Galicia in the south, the Russians have perpetually faced the pincers of the Austro-Germans, and if these can now be sufficiently tightened Warsaw must go, and with it the entire line.

As was the case on Saturday, when the Austro-Germans recorded the success of their offensive in the east, no official communication from either Berlin or Vienna reached the London newspapers today. Saturday's communication was released Sunday for publication, and up to midnight tonight no new communication has come to hand. In the absence of additional official information from Petrograd, there is nothing to throw fresh light on the eastern front, but the Austro-German advance could hardly so soon have lost its momentum.

According to the latest accounts the Austro-German forces, advancing from Przasnysz, were within 40 miles of Warsaw; while to the south von Mackensen's centre was at certain points within 10 miles of the Lublin-Cholm Railroad.

The total casualties of the Dardanelles expeditionary force to date in killed, wounded and missing, have been 42,434 officers and men, Premier Asquith told the House of Commons today. The total includes both the naval and military branches of the service.

Out of an aggregate of 8084 casualties among the officers, the Premier's statement said the killed numbered 1933.

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### MACKENSEN CONFIDENT

Still Believes God Will Not Desert Fatherland

Berlin, July 20.—German papers publish a letter written by Field Marshal Mackensen to a friend in Argentina. He says:

"I trust the people in your country know by now the truth about the war. No one in Germany wanted it, least of all the kaiser, who was always anxious to afford every nation free and peaceful opportunity for development.

"England is the author of this world conflagration. France and Russia only followed her lead in their hatred toward Germany. These two nations do not perceive that they are supporting with the blood of their sons the interests of England only.

"Russia is a tenacious opponent, and has prepared for obstinate resistance. But Russian officers avoid fighting an open chivalrous battle. Their cavalry seeks its salvation in trenches and loses entirely all initiative.

"Our losses are great, but we shall hold out. We shall and must win. It is inevitable. Our just cause and the logic of the world's history are on our side. God will not forsake us."

### STORK WINS RACE WITH TRAIN.

Brings Daughter to Woman on Way From Atlantic City

Philadelphia, July 20.—The Atlantic City express over the Pennsylvania Railroad reaching Camden at 9 o'clock yesterday morning on schedule time lost out in a race with the stork which began shortly after the train started to speed over the Meadows.

About halfway between Camden and the Breakers a girl baby arrived to Mrs. Rose Berlinger, this city. An ambulance met the train at the ferryhouse and mother and daughter were rushed to Cooper Hospital, where both are reported to be "doing nicely."

The stork was first spied by several women sitting near Mrs. Berlinger in the third car. They formed a curtain about the woman and asked one of the brakemen to "page" a doctor.

A physician proved to be among the passengers and he ministered to Mrs. Berlinger and cared for the new arrival until they were safely inside the hospital.

### PASTOR LOSES LIFE FOR GIRL.

Saves One; Becomes Exhausted Trying to Rescue Second.

Gloucester, Mass., July 20.—The Rev. Arthur H. Pingree, pastor of the Congregational Church at Norwood, Mass., and Miss Helen Perkins, of the same town, were drowned while bathing at Annisquam Beach yesterday.

Miss Perkins was a member of a party of Campfire Girls who were spending a week at the Pingree cottage. While the party was at the beach yesterday two of the girls got beyond their depth.

The minister rescued one and then went back after Miss Perkins, but became exhausted before he could reach the shore with her.

### AUSTRIAN AEROPLANE HIT

Struck by Rifle and Falls in Sea off Barletta

Rome, July 20.—An Austrian aeroplane which bombarded Bari Sunday was struck by rifle fire on the way back to its base and fell in the sea off Barletta, thirty-three miles northwest of Bari, according to an official statement issued to-night at the War office. A fishing boat, manned by two soldiers, a customs officer and a constable, went out and captured the machine with the two Austrian officers, who composed the crew.

### Idle Men Return to Work

Wheeling, W. Va., July 20.—The last of the idle steel mills in the Wheeling district was placed in operation yesterday when a part of the force returned to work at the Riverside plant of the National Tube Company. Two weeks will be required to get all departments going and give work to the 5,000 men who have been idle for fourteen months.

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### BOMBS POURING ON CITY OF ARRAS

Germans Fire Sixty Missiles into Place Yesterday

**REPULSED BY ALLIES**

Aeroplane Brought Down—German Losses Said to be Considerable During Past Few Days.

Paris, July 20.—The following official statement has been issued by the French War Office:

"In Artois, there was a violent cannonade near Souchez, but no infantry attacks. Sixty shells were thrown into Arras.

"In the Argonne, fighting with bombs and petards took place. "On the heights of the Meuse the Germans yesterday afternoon delivered two strong attacks against our positions on the ridge south of Sonvaux, which were completely repulsed. The enemy then bombarded our trenches and with weak effectives delivered a series of minor attacks which were repelled. The German losses were considerable.

"Quiet prevailed on the rest of the front.

"One of our aeroplanes pursued and brought down by machine gun fire an enemy aeroplane, which fell in flames within the German lines near Soissons. Our artillery completed its destruction."

The afternoon report was a follows:

"In Belgium the enemy Sunday night bombarded with considerable violence our trenches at St. George as well as the village and church of Boesinghe.

"In Artois the Germans toward midnight made an attack west and southwest of Souchez on a front of 1200 yards, but were repulsed.

"In the Argonne a German attack in the region of St. Hubert was driven back. In Apremont encounters occurred with bombs and grenades without infantry action.

"In Lorraine, at Nahof on the Seille and on the southeast borders of the Forest of Parroy, some advance post encounters were reported, wherein we had the advantage.

"The night was calm on the rest of the front."

### STORY OF CRUELTY.

Cigarmaker's Wife And Child Prisoners Four Years.

New York, July 20.—A story of cruelty was revealed by the police when they broke into an East Side tenement house and rescued Mrs. Teresa Planota and her two year old baby from a four year imprisonment. Both are physical wrecks.

Four years ago, she told the police, Joseph, her husband, found a photograph of an old sweetheart of hers in a trunk. Since that time, she said, he has taken her out of the squalid flat but six times, and then at night. When Joseph left in the morning he put sealing wax on all the doors and windows. If the wax was broken when he came home at night it meant terrible beatings and nothing to eat for days. Fear of him kept her from appealing for aid, she said. In the four years she and the child have had practically nothing to eat except a plate of stale spaghetti once a day.

The child was born without a doctor, and has never seen the sunlight except that which filtered through the unwashed tenement windows.

Detectives arrested the husband, a prosperous cigar manufacturer, after a struggle.

### Killed in Collision

Ashville, N. C., July 20.—Carl Shuford, aged, and Ruth Shuford, aged three, were instantly killed Sunday Night when a Southern passenger train struck the automobile in which they were riding near Hickory. Belton Shuford, their father, was seriously injured, and Mrs. Shuford, Miss Betty Holleyard and Miss Lola Munday, the other occupants of the car, were slightly injured.